



CITY OF GRESHAM
Public Safety Committee
Oregon Trail Room
October 28, 2014 @ 6:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Albertson
Greg Moen, Chair
Tim Welch
Gary Bisbee
Tom Griffith

Deputy Chief Lewis – Fire Liaison
Councilor Lori Stegmann – Council Liaison
Councilor Mike McCormick – Council Liaison

ABSENT:

Mary Sakakibara
Ebonie Johnson
Chief Junginger – Police Liaison
Chief Matthews – Fire Liaison
Todd Felix – Emergency Management Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Katherine Kelly (Transportation Planning Manager), Brian Martin (Senior City Planner), Brian Momberg (Metro – Project Manager)

Chair Greg Moen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and requested a motion to approve the minutes from June 24, 2014. Motion by Gary Bisbee and seconded by Joan Albertson, all ayes, motion carried.

Guest Presentation:

Update – “Powell-Division Transit and Development Project”

Brian Martin provided an overview of this project; Metro is gearing up for a new kind of transit. The Powell-Division Transit and Development project will bring more rapid and reliable bus transit to a busy thoroughfare. The Steering Committee will study a range of bus options focusing on a general route that runs along Powell in Southeast Portland before transition to Division Street. As the project continues, Metro and its partners need to hear from the community. They are seeking comments and questions from the Public Safety Committee. A discussion ensued regarding what the route would be and what could happen

around the potential station areas. There are many components of this project and a lot of details to work out. You may listen to the discussion in its entirety by selecting the audio recording link on the city's website under the Public Safety Committee tab.

Department Reports/Updates:

Deputy Fire Chief Scott Lewis

- Deputy Fire Chief Lewis went over Council Work Plan items Chief Matthews recommended to Council last week, there were three different projects. 1) QRV (Quick Response Vehicle), 2) Restoring the Life Safety Division or the prevention program, and 3) Community Paramedicine program or community paramedics. These will most likely be bundled into one program to look into alternatives in the emergency services delivery. Some committee members have already written letters to the Council endorsing some of these plans.
- When Fire Deputy Marshall Kim Coxen retired, her position replacement lasted less than a month. In hopes to gain more qualified applicants, the position was reformatted to an entry level position as a fire inspector/investigator not a Deputy Fire Marshall. Fire received 62 applications, many out of state. The applicant pool was narrowed down to one individual and they are happy to announce he will be starting his new job soon.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 22 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Oregon Trail Conference Room (November is CANCELED).**